
TRINITY LABAN STUDENTS' UNION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 25th June 2025, 6.30pm – KCC Bar/Undercroft & Teams Conference Call

Executive Summary to introduce the TLSU Advisory Board

Following a year of strategic reflection and planning through the TLSU Working Group, the Trinity Laban Students' Union proposes the creation of a TLSU Advisory Board. This initiative responds to the Union's growing need for structured, expert guidance and long-term development as it moves toward becoming a registered charity by the end of the 2025/26 academic year.

The Working Group, formed in 2024/25, brought together key stakeholders including senior Trinity Laban leadership, former and current SU Presidents, SU staff, representatives from the Registry department, the SU Accountant, and the Vice Chair of the Trinity Laban Board of Governors. Its purpose was to review historical practice, assess current structures, and shape a clear, sustainable future for TLSU. One of its core recommendations was the formation of a formal advisory structure.

The proposed Advisory Board will act as a consultative body with no formal decision-making authority. Its function is to support the Union's development through informed, external perspective and to serve as a preparatory model for the future Trustee Board. Meeting every half term, the Board will provide expert advice, challenge strategic thinking, and offer guidance across governance, HR, finance, and student representation.

Appointments to the Advisory Board will be made by the President and Operations Manager, with support from the TLSU Executive Committee and Director of Academic Services at Trinity Laban. Members will include former TLSU Presidents, sector professionals, Trinity Laban stakeholders, and experts in relevant fields. This group will be chaired by someone who is not a member of the TLSU Executive Committee or is a member of SU Staff (SU Operations Manager / Administrator). All members will serve in a voluntary capacity and share a long-term commitment to the success and independence of the Union.

The Advisory Board will begin its work from 1st August 2025. While it will not hold executive authority, it will help guide and advise TLSU Officers in line with the principles of the Education Act 1994. Its formation and objectives are supported by a constitutional amendment, and meeting summaries will be shared publicly to ensure transparency and accountability.

This proposal represents a vital next step in strengthening TLSU's governance, ensuring future compliance, and equipping the Union with the expertise and continuity it needs to thrive. It also reinforces our commitment to building a more resilient, professional and representative Students' Union for all Trinity Laban students.